

25 The Order page 610 contains, among other items, at least one input area 620 to enter or select information that will identify the product for which a license is desired. A command button or other graphical visual icon 630 ("Get Pricing") is provided for affirmatively entering a command to obtain the latest pricing information for the selected product using the facilities of the AVLA. In a separate portion of the Order page 610, an output area 640 is provided to display the results of entering the command to obtain the latest pricing information. The AVLA client/user 260 is further provided with command button or other graphical visual icon 650 ("Purchase") to carry out the purchase after reviewing the price displayed in output area 640. The sequence of AVLA client/user interactions with the Order page 610 is summarized in Table 1. It should be understood that the Order page 610 as shown is for descriptive purposes only, and that other variations for accomplishing the described entry, selections or commands to the AVLA purchaser interface 330 may be employed without departing from the principles of or exceeding the scope of the present invention.

IN THE CLAIMS

9/10/02 1. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:
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a repository for storing a volume license agreement for a product;
a repository for maintaining a purchase history for the product;
a pricing generator to generate a purchase price for the product in accordance with the volume license agreement and the purchase history; and
a purchase generator to display the purchase price and transact a purchase of the product in response to a user request.